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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3135

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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TAGS: PFOR, ETRD, EWWT, XL, XX, XM, PN

SUBJ: PROPOSED FORMATION OF MULTINATIONAL CARIBBEAN AREA  
SHIPPING ORGANIZATION

REF: STATE 36618

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PANAMA'S MORNING PRESS OF FEB 21 GAVE  
FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO VISIT OF MEXICAN MISSION WHICH PROPOSES  
A MULTINATIONAL SHIPPING LINE. THE DELGATION MET WITH  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FERNANDO MANFREDO JR. AND OTHER  
OFFICIALS OF THE GOP. MANFREDO'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT IT WAS  
PROPER TO THINK BIG AND THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES  
WERE CAPABLE OF HANDLING SUCH PROJECTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ECONOFF CALLED THE DIRECTOR  
OF CONSULAR AND SHIPPING AFFAIRS, WHO ATTENDED THE  
MEETING, AND ASKED HIS OPINION. HE SAID THAT THE PANAMANIAN  
KNEW IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO GET INVOLVED IN SUCH A VENTURE  
WHICH WOULD GO AGAINST PANAMA'S OWN INTERESTS, THAT IS, ITS  
EARNINGS FROM ITS FLAG OF CONVENIENCE FLEET. HE ADDED THAT THE  
MEXICAN PROPOSAL STEMMED MORE FROM MEXICAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
CONSIDERATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH ITS OWN MERCHANT MARINE THAN  
FROM ANY GENUINE INTEREST IN PROMOTING A REGIONAL SHIPPING LINE.  
END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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